Statement

(Rs. in lakhs)

Claim of the period	Amount of Claim	Amount Admitted	Amount Adjusted	Amount Released	Amount withheld
1.4.97 to 30.4.98	18.77	18.77	—	12.00 (15.12.98)	6.77
1.4.98 to 30.6.98	4.18	4.18	—	3.00 (19.1.99)	1.18
1.7.98 to 28.2.99	11.09	19.05	14.01	5.03 (11.4.2000)	—

New Policy to set up Industries in H.P.

1562. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of industries/factories established in the State of Himachal Pradesh as compared to other States of the country during the last five years and till date in view of the need of economic and industrial development of the State;

(b) whether Government have formulated any new policy to set up industries in Himachal Pradesh on priority basis; and

(c) if so, the details of various proposals received from the State Government and the steps taken by Government in this regards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) The industries established during the period from 1995 to June, 2000 in the State of Himachal Pradesh in the licenced as well as delicensed sector is about 0.6% as compared to the country as a whole.

The liberalized industrial policy of 1991 is applicable to all the States and Union Territories including Himachal Pradesh. Under the

liberalized economic regime, it is the responsibility of the State Government to create an industrial and economic environment conducive to investment and growth of industry in the state. However, the Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Governments through Centrally sponsored schemes such as Growth Centre Scheme, Integrated Infrastructure Development Centre Scheme, Transport Subsidy Scheme and other incentives.

Food Items Exported from NE States

1563. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of quantity of food items exported from NE States during the last three years, item-wise;

(b) the details of incentives being given by Government to exporters for increasing export; and

(c) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Central Government maintains the export data for the country as a whole and, not State-wise.

(b) and (c) Some of the steps taken/incentives given to increase export of food items include:—

1. Providing assistance for raising small and large nurseries for production of good quality planting material, upgradation of technical knowhow of farmers through demonstrations, trainings and publicity, rejuvenation of old orchards, area expansion, supply of minikits for vegetables, improving productivity, training of farmers and setting up of model organic farms.
2. Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging, strengthening of quality control and modernization of processing units.
3. Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for